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E.O. 12065 GDS 3-28-99 (HALLMAN, WILLIAM H.) OR-P TAGS SHUM, AR SUBJECT (U) ABDUCTION AND REAPPEARANCE OF MARIO RODRIGUEZ

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- ENTIRE TEXT)
- IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL AND TO A LETTER FROM THE COMMITTEE FOR THE LIBERATION OF MARIO RAMIREZ DATED FEBRUARY 19 AND SENT FROM LAUSANNE, SWITZERLAND, EMBASSY REQUESTED INFORMATION DIRECTLY FROM THE VILLA CASEROS POLICE STATION. ACTING SY OFFICER (KRIEGER) SUBSEQUENTLY RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION THROUGH POLICE CHANNELS:
- BEGIN QUOTE. (RAMIREZ) WAS ARRESTED FOR INFRACTION OF LAW 20.840 (SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES). PAMPHLETS AND SUBVERSIVE PROPAGANDA AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT OF PARAGUAY WERE CONFISCATED. FURTHER, THERE WERE IN (RAMIREZ'S) POSSESSION NUMEROUS (PIECES OF) CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE USA, ESPECIALLY FROM SPECIAL COMMISSIONS WHICH ACT UPON HUMAN RIGHTS (ISSUES). THERE WAS ALSO CORRES-PONDENCE FROM HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES, INCLUDING PARAGUAY.

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4. QUOTE. (RAMIREZ) IS DETAINED IN THE CASEROS POLICE STATION (TEL 750-4412) AS SOMEONE BEING

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PROCESSED UNDER THE DISPOSITION OF FEDERAL JUDGE OF SAN MARTIN, DR RABELLINI. (RAMIREZ) MAY RECEIVE VISITORS. THIS INFORMATION IS SUBMITTED BY THE CASEROS POLICE STATION, LOCATED AT URQUIZA AND SAN JORGE DE CASEROS, BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE. END QUOTE.

5. (EMBASSY COMMENT: EMBASSY HAD THE RAMIREZ CASE ON RECORD BUT HAD ERRONEOUSLY LISTED IT AS A JANUARY DISAPPEARANCE -- WE HAVE CORRECTED TO SUBTRACT FROM JANUARY AND LIST RAMIREZ AS THE ONLY FEBRUARY ABDUCTION, PLUS THE FACT THAT HE HAS BEEN RESURFACED. A CHECK WITH THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSION ON REFUGEES OFFICE HERE IN BUENOS AIRES TURNED UP THE FACT THAT THAT OFFICER WAS UNAWARE OF THE RAMIREZ ABDUCTION.) CASTRO

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